

**CITY OF WOODSTOCK
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

May 12, 2015

City Council Chambers

The special meeting of the Woodstock Transportation Commission was called to order at 7:15 PM by Chairman Andrew Celentano on Wednesday, May 12, 2015 in Council Chambers at City Hall.

A roll call was taken.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Andrew Celentano, Jason Osborn and Susan Hudson

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: Caron Wenzel and Mark Indyke

STAFF PRESENT: Assistant Director of Public Works Jeff Van Landuyt and Parks & Facilities Superintendent Ernie Nelson

OTHERS PRESENT: Deputy City Clerk Amy Weber and Chairman of the Woodstock Parks & Recreation Commission Mike McCleary

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Jason Osborn, second by Susan Hudson to accept the April 15, 2015 Regular Meeting minutes as presented. Ayes: Jason Osborn, Susan Hudson and Chairperson Andrew Celentano. Nays: None. Absentees: Caron Wenzel and Mark Indyke. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

FLOOR DISCUSSION:

1. Public Comments – none.
2. Council Comments – none.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

TRANSMITTALS: None. (No discussion or action requested)

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Review and Acceptance of Wetland Walkway Constructed by WHS - EDD Students

Jack Fischbach of 1320 Infanta Court, Woodstock, IL, Blake Kahoun of 14506 Perkins Road, Woodstock, IL and Cole Richter of 202 Red Barn Road, Woodstock, IL came before the commission to present their solution for a wetland walkway in the City's William C. Donato Conservation Area. J Fischbach explained that he and his fellow classmates spent the current semester designing and building a walkway for the William C. Donato Conservation Area. He showed a picture of the middle of the conservation area and gave a brief description of the wetlands. He described how the conservation area is used as a classroom and teachers at the H.S. and it benefits from work completed annually on Senior Service Day. He states that it is also a passive park used by Woodstock residents. The next slide showed a birds-eye view of the area with a map of trails followed by a picture of the current walkway depicting pallets with many damaged and broken boards. He explained that the area is marshy with streams and an area that people need to walk across. He also showed slides of broken and submerged boards on the pallets. He stated that the justification for the projects is that the pallets are hazardous and doesn't meet standards for ADA access & use.

Cole Richter discussed current and past solutions and described an alternate diamond pier foundation system. He described as being concrete, in the shape of a diamond with 4 metal bars that get driven into the ground to help support it. He also discussed the pros and cons of the system.

Blake Kahoun discussed proposed solutions. He stated that the 6x6 foot prototype they constructed meets ADA standards. He also stated that everything on the walkway would be easily replaceable because everything has been fastened with either a bolt or a screws. He said the platform sections would be connected with D-rings allowing for minimal movement and the sections wouldn't need to be perfectly straight or perfectly aligned. He showed pictures of the final design and stated that it complies with the expectations that were set by the City and the Transportation Commission. He also discussed using geotextile fabric under the platform sections to prevent each section from settling into the wetland soils.

J Osborn commented that it was great to have a demo and thanked the students for their efforts. S Hudson stated that the presentation looked good but asked about the costs. She commented that a summary of costs would be helpful. B Kahoun stated that they have a cost sheet but they didn't bring it.

A Celentano advised students that in the future, a spreadsheet or summary of the data showing how much the project would cost should be included in the presentation. B Kahoun stated that they have a summary of costs and will provide the commission with that information. A Celentano requested that the students keep a record of what issues or problems they came across in the design or building of the demo platform to benefit those tasked with constructing additional sections. A Celentano stated that the pictures used in the presentation were a good addition and that it helped tell the story put things in context. A Celentano also referred to the student's previous presentation and asked what happened to the pictures of alternative solutions.

S Hudson recommended students identify any limitations that the project may have instead of focusing on the prototype as being the only solution to the problem. S Hudson recommended looking into the presentation of alternative solutions for the City and the Commission to consider.

The commission congratulated Jack Fischbach on becoming Woodstock High School Valedictorian.

Parks and Facility Superintendent Ernie Nelson thanked the students for all of their hard work and said he was looking forward to them volunteering this summer.

A Celentano thanked the students and said that they did a good job but also advised them to remember to include costs and alternatives in future project presentations. A Celentano thanked the students and said the presentation was well done. He stated that he was looking forward to receiving a write-up of the presentation.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Continued Review/Update of 2005 Transportation Plan – June 2015
2. Street Cars Discussion – June 2015
3. County Fair Transit Bus – June 2015

ADJOURN:

Motion by S. Hudson, second by J. Osborn to adjourn to a Regular Meeting June 17, 2015 @ 7:00 PM. Ayes: Chairman Andrew Celentano, Jason Osborn, Susan Hudson. Nays: None. Absentees: Caron Wenzel, Mark Indyke. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Weber – Deputy City Clerk